

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims below is intended to replace all prior listings of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A quaternary co-ground powdered composition consisting essentially of propolis, as active substance, a hydrophilic carrier selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins and two co-grinding auxiliary substances, of which one is an amino acid and one is glycyrrhizate, said composition having a greater aqueous solubility than the corresponding ternary composition wherein the sole auxiliary substance consists of an amino acid.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the amino acid auxiliary substance is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, glutamic acid, lysine and serine.

5. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio between the active substance and the carrier is between 1:1 and 1:20.

6. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 5 wherein the weight ratio between the active substance and the carrier is between 1:5 and 1:8.

7. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio between the active substance and the amino acid auxiliary substance is between 1:0.1 and 1:2.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7 wherein the weight ratio between the active substance and the amino acid auxiliary substance is between 1:0.2 and 1:1.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio between the active substance and the second glycyrrhizate co-grinding auxiliary substance is between 1:0.5 and 1:2.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 9 wherein the weight ratio between the active substance and the glycyrrhizate co-grinding auxiliary substance is 1:1.

11. (Previously Presented) A quaternary co-ground powdered composition consisting essentially of propolis, as active substance, a hydrophilic carrier selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins, and two co-grinding auxiliary substances of which one is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, glutamic acid, lysine and serine and one is glycyrrhizate, wherein the weight ratios between the propolis active substance, hydrophilic carrier, the amino acid and glycyrrhizate co-grinding auxiliary substances are 1:7.5:0.5:1.

12-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A mixture comprising the composition of claim 1 combined with suitable excipients or diluents or combination thereof for preparation of products for use as dietary supplements.

16. (Previously Presented) A mixture comprising the composition of claim 1 combined with suitable excipients or diluents or combination thereof for preparation of products for parapharmaceutical use.

17. (Previously Presented) A mixture comprising the composition of claim 1 combined with suitable excipients or diluents or combination thereof for preparation of products for dermocosmetic use.

18. (Previously Presented) The mixture of claim 17 wherein said products are selected from the group consisting of powders, lotions, creams, ointments, pastes, gels, and stick.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The mixture of claim 15 wherein said products are selected from the group consisting of powders, capsules, tablets, pastes, gels, solutions and suspensions.

21. (Previously Presented) The mixture of claim 16 wherein said products are selected from the group consisting of powders, capsules, tablets, pastes, gels, solutions, suspensions and spray.